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ALLIES ARE GIVEN GREEK PROPOSAL FOR JOINING WAR

Definite Proposition is Forwarded to Entente—If Uncertainty Continues, Greece May War Against Bulgaria—Teutonic Allies in the Balkans Defeat Vast Army of Entente—British Take Trenches in Somme Battle.

Athens, Sept. 23.—The Greek government is said on the best authority to have telegraphed definite proposals to the entente capitals which, if accepted, will mean Greece's entry into the war.

If the uncertainty of the relations between Greece and the entente continues, it is regarded as not improbable that Greece may declare war on Bulgaria on her own account.

Central Powers Rout Vast Entente Force

Berlin, Sept. 23.—Troops of the central powers have defeated an entente force comprising more than 20 battalions on the Dobruja front, the Bulgarian war office announced in its report of September 22.

Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobruja have been attacking Field Marshal Von Mackensen forces on both flanks of the battle line, according to a war office announcement here today. The attacks which on the one flank were near the Dobruja and the other southwest of Toprali, 14 miles southwest of Constanta, were repulsed.

Germans Advancing Behind Gas Attack

Petrograd, Sept. 23.—German troops in the region of Lake Narocz, on the northern end of the Russian line, launched a gas attack lasting two hours yesterday and the intervals between the waves of gas columns of Russian troops advanced against the German positions, says the Russian official issued today. The attacking forces, the statement adds, were driven back each time.

Entente Abandons Silistria Fortress

Rome, Sept. 23.—The retreat of the German army under Field Marshal Von Mackensen in the Rumanian province of Dobruja continues, according to a telegram received by the wireless press today from Switzerland. Silistria, recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, is said to have been abandoned to the Russian and Rumanian forces.

Paris, Sept. 23.—French patrols approached Comblès on the Somme front last night. The official statement issued here this afternoon says they found a great many dead Germans on the field and took a few prisoners. South of the Somme there is active artillery fighting.

French aviators engaged in fifty-six aerial fights yesterday. Four German aeroplanes were shot down. Flying nearly 100 miles behind the German border, Flight Warrant Officer Baron last night bombarded the important works at Ludwigshafen, in the Palatinate, on the Rhine, and at Mannheim, across the river from Ludwigshafen. The official report of today says the bombardment caused a large fire and several explosions at Mannheim.

London, Sept. 23.—German trenches on a front of about a half mile were captured by the British last night, says of Courcellette in the Somme region war office announced today.

PRESIDENT OPENS PORCH CAMPAIGN AT SHADOW LAWN

Addresses New Jersey Business Men on National Policies.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 23.—President Wilson's program today called for the first of a series of speeches he plans to deliver at Shadow Lawn in his "porch campaign" for re-election. He planned to address a large delegation of New Jersey business men on the attitude of his administration towards American business.

The public was to be admitted to the Shadow Lawn estate to hear the President's speech and several thousand people were expected to be present.

Walter Hipes Page, American ambassador at London, who arrived here last night, remained over this morning to discuss with the President British interference with American trade and mails.

WHOLESALE BRING SUIT AGAINST GROCER.

Minor, Reed & Tullock, the New Haven wholesale grocers, have brought suit in the common pleas court against Nelson W. Chamberlain of Norwalk. It is claimed Chamberlain owes \$697.18 for goods purchased. The action is returnable to the October term of court.

WORTHY, HOTEL OWNER, DIES IN LOCAL HOSTELRY

Millionaire Builder of Noted Hotel is Victim of Pneumonia in This City.

HAD BEEN TOURING FOR HIS HEALTH

Recently Sold His Hotel Interests in Springfield for Million Dollars.

Frank L. Worthy, millionaire, owner of the Worthy hotel at Springfield, Mass., and one of the officials of the Worthy Paper Co. of that city, died here at 8:30 today at the Stratfield hotel of pneumonia. He had been ill for several weeks and had been traveling about the country for more than a week endeavoring to recuperate. He came here in his automobile from Hartford yesterday. With him were his chauffeur and a trained nurse who had accompanied him since he left Springfield earlier in the week. At Hartford and other places where stops were made physicians were called to attend him.

Mr. Worthy reached the Stratfield about 1:30 yesterday afternoon and took a suite of rooms on the second floor. He did not take luncheon and in the early afternoon he retired. About 6 o'clock the nurse summoned Dr. J. Skiff Ford, the house surgeon. This latter pronounced Mr. Worthy's condition as serious and recommended that he not attempt to leave his bed in the hotel until he had fully recovered. Later in the evening he saw Mr. Worthy's death. An undertaker was called to remove the body and Mr. Worthy's relatives in Springfield.

Early today Mr. Worthy became unconscious and the nurse again summoned Dr. Ford. Mr. Worthy sank gradually, however, and died at 8:30. The body was taken to the morgue of Henry E. Bishop in Fairfield avenue and Mr. Worthy's relatives were notified by the hotel management and the nurse. The latter with the chauffeur started for Springfield in the automobile soon after their employer's death. An undertaker is expected from Springfield this evening to take the body to that city.

Mr. Worthy was about 55 years old and known to hotel men all over the country. He built the hotel which bears his name in Springfield. An undertaker is expected from Springfield this evening to take the body to that city.

Recently Mr. Worthy sold the hotel property which covers nearly an entire city block with a frontage on Main street, Springfield. It is said the price was about \$1,000,000.

GAS OVERCOMES FORMER LOCAL WOMAN AND SON

Mrs. Mary Rentz and Child Are Found Asphyxiated in Bed at Westville.

Mrs. Mary C. Rentz, aged 32, said to be the daughter of John J. Coffey of 1311 Kossuth street, this city, and her 11-year-old son, Charles Rentz, Jr., were found dead from gas poisoning in their beds today at Westville.

They had been visiting at the home of Robert McIntyre for several days. Medical Examiner Scarborough has withheld opinion as to whether the deaths were through accident or intention.

Mrs. Rentz's home is at 145 High street, Hartford. She is said to have a brother, Francis in Bridgeport. John Coffey is a foreman of the Frank Miller Lumber Co.

Graduate Nurses At Private Whist Aid Charity Fund

Graduate nurses at 1088 Fairfield venue conducted a whist party of eight tables last evening. The party was arranged for the benefit of the Orthopedic fund. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The success of the whist brought much praise to the committee of arrangements, Misses Tillie Schack, Margaret Magrady, Mary Bartley, Mary Brady, Bessie Murdock and Nellie Kelly. The enterprise netted \$28.40 for the fund. The nurses are planning a large public whist for the fund, the details of which have not yet been arranged.

ROBERTA TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY

The jury in the criminal superior court has been ordered to report Tuesday morning at 10:15. At this time Judge Tuttle has told the state to be ready for the trial of Frank Roberta of this city, charged with manslaughter. Attorney J. B. Klein of this city has been retained by the accused, who maintains his innocence. It is probable the trial will continue for several days.

After this matter has been disposed of the court may take up the cases of Michael Rizzio and Michael Herman of this city recently indicted by the grand jury for murder.

FIND MAN'S BODY NEAR TRACKS IN EAST SIDE YARDS

Believe He Came in Contact With Wires, While Riding Atop Train.

SKULL FRACTURED AND FEET BURNED

Unidentified, Victim Is Thought to Have Been New Haven Brakeman.

Mystery surrounds the finding by railroad employees at 2:30 this morning of the dead body of an unidentified man about 25 years of age, beside the railroad tracks, in the East End freight yards. An examination by Medical Examiner Garlick disclosed that the dead man had been electrocuted, his skull smashed and his face greatly cut.

The circumstances of his death and whether or not it was accidental has not been determined. From all appearances he was a laboring man, attired in dark clothes, and wearing a blue working shirt. He was about 5 feet 5 inches in height, weight about 155 pounds, of light complexion and smooth shaven.

The police authorities are of the opinion that he was employed as a brakeman by the New Haven road. In the East Side yards where the electric wires are strung very low, a man standing upright on top of a freight train would come in contact with wires. This is believed to be the manner in which he met his death, receiving the injuries to his head as a result of falling from the top of the train after electrocution. The soles of both feet were burned.

The body is now awaiting identification at the undertaking rooms of Cullinan & Mullins.

LANDMARKS IN STRATFORD AVE. ARE DEMOLISHED

Modern Buildings to Replace Structures Intertwined With City History.

Destruction of historic landmarks associated with the growth of Bridgeport is the sacrifice for progress which is projected for the section surrounding the east approach to the Stratford avenue bridge.

Stores and offices, lofts and factories will replace the building being demolished. Captain Benjamin Brooks' noted mansion, built even before Bridgeport was established and better known as the General William H. Noble estate, will be carried away. Another old homestead to go is that of S. B. Wilcox near the corner of East Main street.

In the place of the Wilcox residence, Adolph Sherman will erect a five story store and apartment block of brick. Adjoining this will be one hundred feet of red pressed brick and tile store office and loft floors with a depth of about 70 feet and so adapted that the second and third floors may be used either for light manufacturing or office purposes.

In the rear of the stores on the Noble estate, plans for a large factory building have been drawn but have not been accepted by the present owners of the property, Miss Henrietta M. Noble of Bridgeport, and Mrs. Henry Dewey of Pennsylvania, the surviving heirs of the late General Noble.

On the lot of land now vacant between the river and Riparian street, and abutting the property of the Bridgeport Motor Co. and the old Automatic Machine Co.'s factory, will be erected a large three story factory building of brick construction.

Many smaller store and loft or apartment buildings are also being planned by other owners in place of those being torn down by the city to make way for the new bridge approach.

Probably no building in Bridgeport has had a more commanding position than the old Noble yellow homestead, built about 1800 by Captain Brooks, a retired sea captain, whose fleet of vessels traded with use in India and has Bridgeport as their home port. It sat upon an eminence, nearly surrounded by water. Captain Brooks was accustomed to sit on the front porch awaiting the coming of his vessels. The harbor rose nearly to the back porch.

A daughter married General Noble, who distinguished himself in the Civil war. General Noble, who with the late P. T. Barnum, was instrumental in building up the East Side, filled the low lying flats of land upon which many other buildings now stand. The project was a large one.

The former mansion, though occupied today as a lodging house, still bears evidence of its former grandeur in the monster ball room on the upper floor and its handsome interior finish. Attorney Samuel M. Shaw, in charge of the estate, told a reporter for The Farmer today that an effort was being made to save the building from destruction, but that with 19 feet carried from its front by the improvements decided upon by the city, and the fact that its foundation and chimney construction prevented its being moved, there was little likelihood of its being saved.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was granted today to Hugh McMahon, 27, machinist, 533 Putnam street, and Anna Miko, 34, of the same address.

UNIONS VOTE ON GENERAL STRIKE ORDER FOR N. Y.

MAINE STEAMER ON ROCKS; PASSENGERS BROUGHT TO SHORE

Portland, Me., Sept. 23.—The Eastern Steamship Corporation steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Halycomb Rock, just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth during a heavy fog early today. The 150 passengers were taken off in lifeboats and dories. The steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position.

The coastguard cutter Ossipee and the tug Portland, notified by wireless, hastened from Portland to the assistance of the Bay State but as the steamer was pounding heavily in the ground swell it was thought advisable to have the passengers removed by the crew of the Cape Elizabeth coast guard station. The point where the vessel struck is a half mile west of the two lights and station.

Soon after daylight the steamer commenced blowing out her boilers and it appeared probable that her bottom had been punctured and that water had reached the fire room. It was feared that she could not be saved. The tug Portland, on her arrival attached a line to the steamer but on the first pull the hawser broke and efforts to haul her aloft were temporarily abandoned.

The Bay State was sighted approaching the rocks by one of the coastguard crew at 3:30 o'clock. He burned a Coaston light, but the warning, if it was seen, came too late.

On their arrival here passengers said the steamer was badly damaged and that when they left the ship her boilers were blowing out as the engine room was flooded with water. Such excitement as prevailed was well controlled by the crew, according to the passengers. In his haste to reach a boat, one mail fell overboard but was quickly rescued.

As a contributing cause with the fog for the accident, passengers mentioned the absence of the Cape Elizabeth lightship from its station. Although the beacon was removed three days ago for repairs and replaced by a buoy, those aboard said the pilots running the vessel at slow speed, were endeavoring to locate the lightship in the fog. The vessel struck in the bow, which quickly broke the passengers when the Bay State rested easily at first and little alarm was felt from the slight rumblings as her hull rubbed the rocks. Only a little water

SHOP COMMITTEE MUST BE GIVEN, UNION DEMANDS CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION TO PICK DONOVAN

Corset Workers to Insist on Privileges in Two South End Factories.

Recognition of shop committees at the Crown Corset Co. and George C. Batcheller Co. will be demanded by the Corset Workers' Union as a result of a meeting held last night. The workers are dissatisfied with the system whereby the officials meet committees from each operation.

"We intend to keep on fighting until a shop committee to act for all the members of the union in each factory is recognized," said John P. Piro, organizer of the garment workers today.

"The present system is a failure. It is hard to find decent committee from each operation. Many of the girls don't want to serve on them, aren't capable, and furthermore, are afraid. A committee representing all the girls, backed by them and their union, is the only logical means of carrying on negotiations between the employees and the employers."

An open meeting of the corset workers will be held next Friday night. Ella Reeves Bloor, organizer of the Cloth Cap and Hat Makers' union, will address the girls. Organizer Pierce and Abe Baroff, general secretary and treasurer of the international union, will also speak. A supper, dance and entertainment will be the program.

The union today received the marble block and gravel they won in the Hartford parade, for the best appearance.

THE WEATHER.
Forecast: Fair and cooler tonight and Sunday.

Individual Organizations Involved in Huge Walk-Out Ordered By Leaders Balloting Today on Endorsement of Proposition—Will Be Biggest Strike Ever.

Nearly a Million Workers Will Quit Their Jobs on Wednesday If Strike Order is Carried Out, Say Leaders—Police Swear in Civilians For Strike Duty.

New York, Sept. 23.—Trade unions in this city and Westchester County today began to vote on the question of ratifying the action of eighty delegates who yesterday called for a "general suspension of work" next Wednesday morning.

The labor chiefs appealed to all union wage earners to stay at home until the traction companies make it possible for them to ride in the street cars without offense to their union allegiance.

It is asserted that no such action heretofore has been taken by the trades unions of this country nor has a strike involving so many trades ever been called. Its maximum effect would call from work 750,000 men and women.

Leaders of the movement refrain from calling it a sympathetic strike. They declare that many of the unions already have voted to ratify their recommendation and that any union man who does not quit work Wednesday will be denounced as a "traitor."

To what extent they expect the unions to respond to the suspension call was not disclosed. "How can I tell? It is up to the unions," said Hugh Frayne, organizer of the American Federation of Labor for New York state.

It is pointed out that Wednesday is the beginning of an important Jewish holiday when many workers ordinarily would stay at home. The call for a cessation of work is based on the grievance that men of union affiliations cannot ride to their employment except in cars manned by non-union conductors or motormen or under the protection of the police.

The statements issued by the leaders indicate that they are incensed by Mayor Mitchell's warning that he stood ready to use the military power to restrain violence and that they consider the city to be dominated by the traction interests.

To reinforce the police, Commissioner Woods has instructed the captains to select ten civilians in each precinct to be sworn in as special policemen. This would add about 900 men to the department.

HANG ELEPHANT THAT KILLED 8 HUMAN BEINGS

Animal That Chased Boy in This City Has Startling Record of Misdeeds.

Dispatches from Erwin, Tenn., relating the death of "Murderous Mary," an elephant belonging to the Sparks' show, which recently showed in Bridgeport, have recalled the narrow escape from injury of a small boy in this city.

During the morning parade of the circus here, spectators were astounded to see a big elephant leave the ranks and chase a boy who had in glee of the occasion, approached too close to the beast. Its keeper by smart prodding managed to return the elephant to the ranks of the herd. There was considerable comment at the time.

In Kingsport, Tenn., "Murderous Mary" killed its eighth human victim in the person of Walter Eldridge, a local spectator. The county authorities compelled the show owners to kill the elephant. "Because of lack of poisons the hanging of the animal from the boom of a railroad derrick has created a storm of protest throughout the country. The animal was valued at \$8,000.

Gov. Whitman arrived at Lyons, N. Y., to attend the county fair.